GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES – Water Resources Department – Vigilance and Enforcement - Appraisal Report on the works taken up by Water Resources Department under EPC in the then Indira Sagar Project (East & West Godavari Dists)(presently PIP) on the allegations of drawing of mobilisation advances and deficiencies in payment for works – Disciplinary proceedings initiated against Smt K. Lakshmi Kantham, Asst. Engineer – Finalization of disciplinary proceedings by imposing a minor penalty of withholding of one Annual Grade Increment without cumulative effect – Orders – Issued.

WATER RESOURCES (VIGILANCE.II(V&E.2)) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 753 Dated.01.12.2015.

Read the following:-

1. From the General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) Department, Appraisal Report No.55 /1073/V&E/E1/ RJY/2005), dated 30.06.2006.
2. G.O.Rt.No.1252, I&CAD (Ser.VII (V&E.2) Department, dated 14.11.2012.
3. From Smt K. Lakshmi Kantham, Asst. Engineer, written statement of defence dated 15.12.2012.
4. G.O.Rt.No.1091, I&CAD (Ser.VII (V&E.2) Department, dated 12.11.2012.
5. Govt. Memo No.20320/Ser.VII (V&E.2)/2010-16, dated 12.11.2012.
6. From the Engineer-in-Chief(AW),Water Resources Department, Hyderabd, Lr.No.ENC / S1(2)30397 /2006, dated 23.05.2014.
7. Govt. Memo No. 20320/Ser.VII (V&E.2)/2010-17, dated 21.08.2014.
8. From Smt K. Lakshmi Kantham, Asst. Engineer, explanation dated 21.09.2014.

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O R D E R :-

In the reference 1st read above, it has been brought to the notice of the Government that Smt K. Lakshmi Kantham, Asst. Engineer and others have committed irregularities in the works taken up by Water Resources Department under EPC in the then Indira Sagar Project (East & West Godavari Dists) (presently Polavaram Irrigation Project) on the allegations of drawing of mobilisation advances and deficiencies in payment for works.

2. After examining the matter, it has been decided to initiate departmental action against the officers responsible for the above lapses. Accordingly, in the G.O. 2nd read above, articles of charges were issued against Smt K. Lakshmi Kantham, Asst. Engineer.

3. In the reference 3rd read above, Smt K. Lakshmi Kantham, Asst. Engineer has submitted her written statement of defence, denying the charge framed against her.

4. After examining the written statement of defence of Smt K. Lakshmi Kantham, Asst. Engineer, it has been decided and accordingly Sri K.Poleswara Rao, I/c Superintending Engineer, ISPHW Circle, Dowlaiswaram, Polavaram Irrigation Project was appointed as Inquiry Officer to conduct inquiry into the charge framed against her as her written statement of defence is not convincing, vide G.O.4th read above.

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5. In the reference 5th read above, Sri P.Venkata Ramana, I/c Executive Engineer, ISHW (G.E.) Division No. IV, Polavaram was appointed as Presenting Officer to present the case before the Inquiry Authority on behalf of disciplinary authority.

6. In the reference 6th cited, the Engineer-in-Chief(AW),Water Resources Department, Hyderabd, in his Lr.No.ENC / S1(2) 30397/2006, dated 23.05.2014 has submitted the inquiry report as submitted by Inquiring Authority and his inquiry report stating that the charge framed against Smt K. Lakshmi Kantham, Asst. Engineer, held as Charge.1 is not proved and Charge.2 is proved.

7. In the reference 7th read above, a copy of the inquiry report has been communicated to the charged officer with a request to submit her explanation, if any, on the findings of Inquiring Authority.

8. In the reference 8th read above, the charged officer has submitted her explanation on the findings of Inquiring Authority with a request to drop further action against her.

9. After careful examination of the entire matter, Government have decided to impose a minor penalty of withholding of one Annual Grade Increment without cumulative effect on Smt K. Lakshmi Kantham, Asst. Engineer.

10. Accordingly, Government hereby impose a minor penalty of withholding of one Annual Grade Increment without cumulative effect on Smt K. Lakshmi Kantham, Asst. Engineer, for the irregularities committed by her in the works taken up by Water Resources Department under EPC in the then Indira Sagar Project (East & West Godavari Dists) (presently Polavaram Irrigation Project) on the allegations of drawing of mobilisation advances and deficiencies in payment for works.

11. The Engineer-in-Chief (AW), Water Resources Department, Hyderabad / Water Resources (Ser.I) Department shall take further necessary action in the matte accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ADITYA NATH DAS
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Smt K. Lakshmi Kantham, Asst. Engineer, through the Engineer-in-Chief (AW), Water Resources Department, Hyderabad
The Engineer-in-Chief (AW), Water Resources Department, Hyderabad.
The Water Resources (Ser.I) Department.
The Accountant General, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
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The Secretary to Vigilance Commission, APVC, Hyderabad.
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